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A METHOD AND AN INSTALLATION FOR DOWNLOADING A USER
DECODER PLATFORM

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To download the application software specific to an operator into a general-purpose digital television decoder platform, a secure boot loader is stored definitively in a protected and non-rewritable memory zone of the platform. A message is broadcast periodically in the digital television signal coming from an operator that is designed to be accessible, the message containing the application program for making the platform suitable for decoding the data stream of the television signal from the operator and for processing the services. The message includes an electronic signal. On reception, the messages containing the program are selected, decoded, and written into the rewritable program memory, optionally on user command.

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